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On December 13, 1963, Miss BETTY STOVE, employed in the office of Dr. KENNETH BOSTROLM, a dentist with office located at 7456 Red Road, South Miami, Florida, telephonically contacted the Miami Office and advised that Dr. BOSTROLM's wife has a personal friend who is employed in a store where an unknown Cuban had made comments to the effect he was going to shoot President KENNEDY.

On December 17, 1963, Dr. KENNETH BOSTROLM advised that his wife's friend is Mrs. LILLIAN SPINGLER, who is employed in the gift shop at the Parrot Jungle, located in the Southwest section of Miami. Mrs. SPINGLER had related to the wife of Dr. BOSTROLM that a Cuban who visited the Parrot Jungle had made some remarks which appeared to connect him with LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

On December 17, 1963, Mrs. LILLIAN SPINGLER, 6350 S. W. 162nd Street, Miami, Florida, was telephonically contacted, at which time she stated that she did not wish to be contacted at the Parrot Jungle, where she was employed, or at her home in the evenings, for the reason that she felt her employer and also her husband did not want her to become involved in the investigation relating to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. She stated that she would have a day off on December 19, 1963, at which time she might be contacted.

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Mrs. LILLIAN SPINGLER, 6350 S. W. 162nd Street, Miami, stated that she is employed as a clerk in the gift shop at the Parrot Jungle, a tourist attraction, located in the Southwest section of Miami.

Mrs. SPINGLER stated it was approximately the first week of November and very probably on November 1, 1963, on a Friday afternoon about 2:30 p.m., that a male individual, whom she assumed was probably a Cuban approached her at her counter in the gift shop at the Parrot Jungle, and asked her for a piece of paper. She said he wrote some note for himself, which he kept, and she remarked to him that he wrote with his left hand. He then told her that he wrote equally well with either hand, and with both hands at the same time. He asked for her name, and he proceeded to write the name "LILLIAN," spelling it with two L's instead of the usual 3, with both hands, and in good penmanship. He then claimed to her that he could write different things at the same time with both hands, and said that it took great concentration. He further remarked to her that he obtains much more knowledge from reading the newspapers than the average person because he reads every line and in between the lines.

Mrs. SPINGLER said that at that point, she felt that this individual was seeking attention, and although the store was empty at the time, she did not wish to give him any more time because he was a bit loud in his speech, and the manager of the gift shop does not want the clerks to engage in too much conversation with the visitors. She said that he continued to talk, however, although she did not pay too close attention, until he remarked that he did not like the way the Government of the United States was operating, and after making some mention of the President and Washington, D. C., possibly a statement to the effect he intended to go to Washington, D. C., he stated something to the effect of "shooting between the eyes." She then realized that he must have been referring to shooting President KENNEDY, and she paid closer attention to him. He continued that he had a friend who was smarter than himself who could speak more languages than himself, including Russian. He said this friend was a Marxist and an American citizen, who

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had served in the armed forces. At this point, he mentioned that LEE (using the given name for the first and only time, in place of his previous references to his friend), is a sharpshooter, and that he has a very good eye. He further remarked that his friend was brilliant, but that he did not know where his friend was at that time, although he believed he was either in Texas or Mexico.

Mrs. SPINGLER stated that she is certain that the unknown male whom she believed to be Cuban had used the name LEE in speaking of his friend, because at the time, her thought reflected upon General ROBERT E. LEE, and she thought that the unknown Cuban might be a person with a mental problem, and that he was, in fact, referring to General LEE.

Mrs. SPINGLER said that in all she probably spoke less than five minutes with this unknown individual, and she did not know if he came alone to the Parrot Jungle, although he was unaccompanied in the gift shop.

She said that on that occasion, Mrs. J. R. TRIGG, another clerk at the gift shop, observed the unknown Cuban.

She said that the gift shop manager, Mr. BILL VANDER WYDEN, may also have observed the unknown Cuban at that time, because he came into the gift shop, and the Cuban left very shortly thereafter. She said she mentioned the remarks of the Cuban to Mr. VANDER WYDEN, and the latter stated that the Cuban probably had too much to drink.

Mrs. SPINGLER related that on November 22, 1963, the date of the assassination of President KENNEDY, she was visiting in Key West, Florida, when she received news of the assassination. She said that on the return trip to Miami on November 22, 1963, the statements of the unknown Cuban came to her mind, and on arriving home, she mentioned to her husband she thought she knew who had killed the President. She recalled to her husband the fact that she had previously told him about "the nut" who said he was

going to shoot the President between the eyes. Mrs. SPINGLER said that the unknown Cuban, when at the gift shop on or about November 1, 1963, had made some gesture to his forehead when he was talking about shooting, although at that point in the conversation, Mrs. SPINGLER had withdrawn her attention from the Cuban and, therefore, was not certain of the exact context of his statement with regard to shooting, and whether he said "between the eyes."

Mrs. SPINGLER continued that subsequently, the news was announced that OSWALD had been arrested as the assassin of the President, and at that time, she did not immediately associate the given name "LEE" with OSWALD, but rather thought it was HARVEY OSWALD. She said that while she was concerned about the incident involving the unknown Cuban at the gift shop, the fact that OSWALD had been arrested as the assassin gave her cause to dismiss the need to report the incident to authorities.

Mrs. SPINGLER said that on Tuesday, December 10, 1963, about 4:00 or 4:30 p.m., while she was in the back room of the Parrot Jungle Gift Shop working on receipts, Mrs. TRIGG, who had also observed the unknown Cuban when he was at the shop on or about November 1, 1963, called to Mrs. SPINGLER to say she believed the unknown Cuban was outside the gift shop at that time. Mrs. SPINGLER said she went to the door leading from the back room to the gift shop proper, at which time the unknown Cuban was inside the shop, and she recognized him as being the same individual who had spoken about shooting the President as of November 1, 1963. She said she did not believe that he observed her at this time, December 10, 1963. Then, according to Mrs. SPINGLER, about 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 1963, one of the clerks at the gift shop then remarked to Mrs. SPINGLER, "There's your man," whereupon Mrs. SPINGLER observed the unknown Cuban walking rapidly from the exit of the Parrot Jungle toward the parking area with both hands in his pockets. She said he seemed to have a disturbed look on his face, in that his brow seemed wrinkled, and his face somewhat older looking than when she

originally observed him on or about November 1, 1963. She said she proceeded out to the parking lot and observed the unknown Cuban walk toward a tourist bus which people were boarding, but he then went around the bus to another section of the parking area, where he went to a parked car and appeared to be looking back toward the office area of the Parrot Jungle over the rear of the car. He then sat in the car, and Mrs. SPINGLER returned to the gift shop, as Mr. BILL VANDER WYDEN, the gift shop manager, had come out to take down the American flag for the day. He asked her why she was out of the store, whereupon she asked him what make car was the one parked three cars down from where they were then standing, in which she had seen the unknown Cuban sit. She said Mr. VANDER WYDEN said it was a Chevrolet. She said he did not mention what model Chevrolet, but she was certain it was an older model, as the fenders were rounded rather than square. She observed that the car had a white or light-colored top, and a light green or light blue bottom. She said that neither she nor Mr. VANDER WYDEN made an observation of the license plate on the car.

Mrs. SPINGLER said she thinks that possibly the unknown Cuban may have come back to the Parrot Jungle to see if Mrs. SPINGLER would recognize him, but she does not believe that he saw her.

Mrs. SPINGLER reviewed several thousand photographs of Cuban refugees who have arrived in the United States since December, 1962, but was unable to select any photograph as being that of the unknown Cuban involved in the incident described above.

Mrs. SPINGLER described the unknown individual as follows:

Age:	When observed about 11/1/63, she thought he was in his early 20's. When she observed him on December 10, 1963, she said he appeared older; that is, in his late 20's or early 30's.

Height:	Around 5' 8"
Weight:	Medium
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Dark, believed full, and straight
Eyes:	May be hazel or light in color, and possibly has long eyelashes; his eyes seem to hold one's attention, and might be described as "wild"
Speaking Ability:	Could express himself well in English, but had definite accent, which Mrs. SPINGLER regarded as Latin
Dress:	Not particularly well dressed. Believed to have worn a green sweater and baggy trousers on first occasion, 11/1/63, and believed to have worn jacket and baggy trousers on second occasion, 12/10/63.

Mrs. SPINGLER added that she was not certain that the unknown individual was a Cuban, but she believed by his manner, speech, and appearance, that he probably was. She said that she did not observe him drive off in the two-tone colored car, described as an older model Chevrolet, into which she had observed him enter.

Mrs. SPINGLER said she did not know if the unknown individual might have been waiting for anyone while in the gift shop, although this was a possibility, since one of the shows was then taking place at the Parrot Jungle, and it was not a normal time for any visitors to be in the gift shop. She said, however, that neither she nor any of the other employees to whom she has talked concerning this matter observed anyone in the company of subject on either occasion that he appeared at the Parrot Jungle.

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She said that she was on vacation during the period November 16 - December 3, 1963, but Mrs. TRICG, who also observed the unknown individual on the occasion of November 1, 1963, or approximately that date, had not mentioned seeing the unknown individual thereafter until December 10, 1963.

Mrs. SPENCER was requested, in the event the unknown individual should again return to the Parrot Jungle, to make an effort to obtain the license number or further identifying data concerning the individual, without taking any step which might endanger herself.

Mrs. SPENCER stated the unknown individual had written her name with both hands simultaneously. She said she did not keep the paper on which he had written.

Date December 20, 1963

1.

Mrs. J. R. TRICG, 13130 Old Cutler Road, Miami, a clerk in the gift shop at the Parrot Jungle, Southwest section of Miami, stated that she had observed an unknown individual, whom she believes to be a Cuban, who had displayed his ability to write with both hands to Mrs. LILLIAN SPENCER, another employee of the gift shop. She said she did not listen to much of the conversation that went on between this individual and Mrs. SPENCER on the occasion of the individual's visit to the Parrot Jungle on or about November 1, 1963. She said she heard no mention of the President, but did hear the individual make some remark concerning "good shooting."

She said she had the general impression that he must have brought some tourist to the Parrot Jungle, because he appeared to be waiting, and she believed a show was taking place in the Parrot Jungle at the time he was in the gift shop.

Mrs. TRICG said that this same individual returned to the gift shop on December 10 or December 11, 1963, at which time she observed him, but did not speak with him. She said she brought his presence at the Parrot Jungle to the attention of Mrs. SPENCER, because Mrs. SPENCER had previously expressed considerable concern over remarks which the unknown individual had made.

Mrs. TRICG stated she had no information which might lead to the identification of this unknown person.

She furnished the following description for the unknown individual:

Age:	28 - 30
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	Medium
Dress:	Ordinary

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Characteristics: Appeared to be Latin
Speech: Spoke English with what she regarded as a Cuban accent
Other Characteristics: Dark complexion, dark hair, not believed to have had either a mustache or glasses

Mrs. [redacted] also advised that the unknown male had written her given name "ALMEDA" with both hands simultaneously. She did not recall whether he spelled it correctly and said she disposed of the paper at the time.

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1.

Mrs. MARY TYSON, ticket office, Parrot Jungle, Miami, stated that to her knowledge, she has never observed the unknown individual concerning whom Mrs. LILLIAN SCHEIDLER and Mrs. J. R. [redacted] have mentioned to her as a person who made threats concerning the President of the United States.

Mrs. TYSON stated she maintains a register of all individuals who enter the Parrot Jungle on a pass. She said passes are granted to residents of the area after they pay entrance fee for their first visit, and, thereafter, bring other visitors to the Parrot Jungle.

She made available the register which such passholders sign, and a review of this register for the period of October 20 through December 15, 1963, reflected the name of only one male individual with a Spanish name. This was noted to be ANTONIO CRL, JR., who entered the Parrot Jungle on a pass on November 10, 1963.

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